

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/892,450)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2135
Filed: June 28, 2001)	
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For: SERVER APPARATUS, IMAGE)	September 8, 2006
PROCESSING APPARATUS,	:	
INFORMATION PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD	:	
OF SERVER APPARATUS,)	
CONTROL METHOD OF IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING APPARATUS,)	
INFORMATION PROCESSING	:	
METHOD OF INFORMATION)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF)	

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action of August 14, 2006.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the various embodiments are closely related and do not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicant nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple

filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at large should not be required to obtain and study several separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

Nevertheless, pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §809.2(a), Applicant provisionally elects the subject matter of Species II. It is submitted that Claims 21-23, 25-28, 32, 33, 35 and 36 read on the elected species.

Examination on the merits and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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